

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
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ALEXANDER E. JONES,	§	Chapter 7
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Debtor.	§	Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
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**ELEVENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY
COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY, FOR ALLOWANCE
OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM
APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Porter Hedges LLP, as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
Date of Retention Order:	July 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 792) ¹
Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	April 1, 2025 through and including April 30, 2025
Interim Fees Incurred:	\$19,934.50
Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):	\$15,947.60
Interim Expenses Incurred:	\$1,919.87
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$17,867.47

This is the Eleventh Monthly Fee Statement.

¹ The Trustee's application to employ Porter Hedges was filed at Docket No. 756.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Eleventh Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the proposed *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$19,934.50 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$1,919.87 (the “Expenses”), for the period from April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$15,947.60 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$1,919.87 for a total requested amount of \$17,867.47.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. Porter Hedges’ invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

WHEREFORE, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$15,947.60 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$1,919.87 in the total amount of \$17,867.47.

Dated: May 12, 2025.
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on May 12, 2025.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

Joshua W. Wolfshohl

EXHIBIT 1**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Asset Analysis/Recovery	17.10	14,436.50
Case Administration	.20	199.00
Claims Administration and Objection	4.70	3,983.50
Employment/Fee Application	1.10	467.50
Tax	.90	848.00
TOTAL	24.00	19,934.50

EXHIBIT 2**SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

Expenses	Cost
Computer Assisted Legal Research	38.30
Computer Services	1,857.57
Delivery Service	24.00
TOTAL	1,919.87

EXHIBIT 3**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Professional	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Geoffrey L. Schultz	\$1,100.00	.50
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	9.10
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	11.00
Jordan T. Stevens	\$725.00	2.30
Eliana Garfias	\$425.00	1.10
TOTAL		24.00

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Invoice Date: May 08, 2025
Invoice Num.: 577253
Matter Number: 018577-0001
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl
Tax ID: #74-2174193

Matter: Alex Jones

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through April 30, 2025

Professional Services	19,934.50
Disbursements	1,919.87
Total Amount Due	\$21,854.37

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Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04/02/2025	MBD	Conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case strategy.	0.40	298.00
04/02/2025	JWW	Conference with M. Dearman regarding equity sale and diligence.	0.40	398.00
04/07/2025	MBD	Review and analyze proposed settlement agreement.	0.50	372.50
04/08/2025	JWW	Review response to motion to intervene.	0.20	199.00
04/08/2025	MBD	Correspond with E. Jones regarding contract assumption (.1); analyze settlement agreement (.4); work on bankruptcy next steps (.5); conference with E. Jones regarding executory contracts (.5).	1.50	1,117.50
04/08/2025	EG	Attention to emails on PH's monthly fee statement.	0.10	42.50
04/09/2025	JWW	Review order denying certification (.1); analyze claim issues in light of ruling and emails with PH team regarding same (.3); review settlement agreement (.8); emails and phone conference regarding open issues with NY lawsuit (.3).	1.50	1,492.50
04/09/2025	MBD	Attention to multiple correspondence regarding New York lawsuit (.3); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case status (.4); conference with E. Jones regarding remand and related issues (.5).	1.20	894.00
04/09/2025	JTS	Review and analyze the order from the Connecticut Supreme Court (.2); conduct legal research and analysis regarding the Debtors' potential next steps with respect to the same (.5); draft an email summarizing the results of same (.2).	0.90	652.50
04/10/2025	MBD	Conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, J. Wolfshohl, and J. Stevens regarding case status and strategy (.8); attend to correspondence with opposing counsel regarding New York lawsuit (.3); correspond with G. Schulz regarding taxes (.4).	1.50	1,117.50
04/10/2025	JWW	Review CT/TX executed settlement agreement (.2); review correspondence regarding pending NY case and follow-up emails regarding same (.2); weekly call with	1.00	995.00

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		Trustee team regarding open issues in case (.6).		
04/10/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend a strategy session with members of the Porter Hedges and Trustee teams.	0.80	580.00
04/11/2025	MBD	Correspondence regarding interim fee statement (.2); review analysis of executory contract issues and correspond with E. Jones regarding same (.4).	0.60	447.00
04/11/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of PH's Tenth fee statement (.2); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.4); download and circulate filed version (.1); coordinate service of same (.2); update file (.1).	1.00	425.00
04/14/2025	JWW	Conference with A. Moshenberg and follow-up emails regarding request for remand of state court action and pending settlement between families.	0.50	497.50
04/14/2025	MBD	Review orders dismissing adversary cases.	0.10	74.50
04/15/2025	JWW	Review and revise stipulation and agreed order on remand (.3); conference with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding same and follow-up review of changes to stipulation and agreed order (.5).	0.80	796.00
04/16/2025	JWW	Emails regarding stipulation.	0.10	99.50
04/17/2025	MBD	Conference with G. Schultz regarding tax questions (.3); correspond with C. Murray and G. Schultz regarding same (.1).	0.40	298.00
04/17/2025	JWW	Conference call with TX/CT parties regarding remand of turnover action and related issues (.7); emails with Trustee team regarding same (.2).	0.90	895.50
04/17/2025	GLS	Correspondence and call with M. Dearman regarding various tax issues.	0.50	550.00
04/21/2025	JWW	Correspond with Trustee regarding remand issues.	0.20	199.00
04/22/2025	JWW	Review proposed remand stipulation and phone conference with E. Jones regarding revisions proposed.	0.70	696.50
04/23/2025	JWW	Emails regarding dismissal of appeal and remand order.	0.20	199.00

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04/24/2025	JWW	Conference with trustee team regarding remand and appeal dismissal issues.	0.50	497.50
04/24/2025	MBD	Review revisions to stipulations and agreed orders regarding appeal and remand (.3); conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.8).	1.10	819.50
04/25/2025	JWW	Review revised remand stipulation and followup emails with parties regarding same.	0.40	398.00
04/28/2025	JWW	Review draft motion and emails with Trustee regarding same (.2); emails regarding status of remand (.1).	0.30	298.50
04/28/2025	MBD	Analyze Jones motion to reconsider (.5); revise motion to [REDACTED] (1.4); draft proposed order on motion to [REDACTED] (1.0); correspond with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.1).	3.00	2,235.00
04/29/2025	JWW	Review pleading filed by A. Jones and emails with client regarding same and status conference set by court.	0.50	497.50
04/30/2025	JWW	Conferences with Trustee team regarding hearing, preparation of status report for court and claims and causes of action investigation status.	0.90	895.50
04/30/2025	MBD	Conference with Trustee team and PH team regarding potential claims (.2); conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding case strategy (.5)	0.70	521.50
04/30/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy session regarding potential causes of action.	0.60	435.00
Total			24.00	\$19,934.50
Total Services				\$19,934.50

Timekeeper Summary

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GLS	Geoffrey L. Schultz	Partner	0.50	1,100.00	550.00
JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	9.10	995.00	9,054.50
MBD	Michael B. Dearman	Associate	11.00	745.00	8,195.00
JTS	Jordan T. Stevens	Associate	2.30	725.00	1,667.50

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<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EG	Eliana Garfias	Paralegal	1.10	425.00	467.50
Total			24.00		\$19,934.50

Cost Summary

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Computer Services	1,857.57
Delivery Service	24.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,919.87

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